

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA
MISSOULA DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

KERMIT TY POULSON,

Defendant.

CR 23–56–M–DLC

ORDER

Before the Court is United States Magistrate Judge Kathleen L. DeSoto’s Findings & Recommendation Concerning Plea. (Doc. 44.) Because neither party objected, they are not entitled to *de novo* review. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1); *United States v. Reyna-Tapia*, 328 F.3d 1114, 1121 (9th Cir. 2003). Therefore, the Court reviews the Findings and Recommendation for clear error. *McDonnell Douglas Corp. v. Commodore Bus. Mach., Inc.*, 656 F.2d 1309, 1313 (9th Cir. 1981). Clear error exists if the Court is left with a “definite and firm conviction that a mistake has been committed.” *United States v. Syrax*, 235 F.3d 422, 427 (9th Cir. 2000).

Defendant Kermit Ty Poulson is charged with one count of Interstate Communication of a Threat to Injure, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 875(c) (Count I) and one count of Interstate Communication of Threat to Damage Property by Means of Fire or Explosive, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 844(e) (Count II). (Doc. 1.)

Judge DeSoto recommends that this Court accept Poulson's guilty plea as to Count II after Poulson appeared before her pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 11. The Court finds no clear error in Judge DeSoto's Findings and Recommendation and adopts them in full, including the recommendation to defer acceptance of the Plea Agreement until sentencing when the Court will have reviewed the Plea Agreement and Presentence Investigation Report.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that Judge DeSoto's Findings and Recommendation (Doc. 44) is ADOPTED in full.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Poulson's motion to change plea (Doc. 35) is GRANTED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Poulson is adjudged guilty as charged in Count II of the Indictment.

DATED this 4th day of June, 2025.



Dana L. Christensen, District Judge
United States District Court